

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. It is also very unfair for those of us who have cell phone just for EMERGENCIES, such as to call 911 or for emergency road service in the event your car breaks down. This is unfair!

Also I for most People Today, Telephone Service is a necessity almost as much as food, clothing, shelter and water. A cell phone is NOT a luxury Item anymore... It is a need. I personally have a tracfone with prepaid wireless service because it is the most economical phone service I know of. What would I do if I didn't have a phone because I could not afford the service? Who would get a job if the prospective employer could not call the applicant because the Applicant Does not have a Phone?

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Respectfully,

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Sincerely,

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